

Richmond: New + Natural

Site Plan with Key & Drawings

1 Preserved view of churchgoers walking to Historic Area

Green Connection and Play
The site on the northeast corner of Main and 10th streets is in perfect position to serve both as an injection of nature into downtown and as a conceptual and physical connection between Uptown and the historically rich blocks around the site. The proposal creates a lush escape for families, individuals, tourists, and groups while minimizing parking for surrounding businesses and mitigating the city's heat island and storm drainage issues. The site's Main St. entry places visitors inside while providing a comfortable, vegetated space for the playground and passengers to mingle. The plaza seats and shades the plaza while providing a visual attraction and festival space (and a convenient and energized spot for street vendors to set up shop and sell refreshments to harry tourists). A moment in transition.

Brings the visitor into a soft green space, where he or she might enjoy a rest, a picnic and a game of Frisbee. Or the visitor might proceed on to the existing sand pit playground with the children. In fact, as residents will soon become aware, they might as well make a night of it and bring family and friends to grill out under the shelter and have food and fun right in the heart of Richmond before taking in a show at the theater (or after a sun-filled day at the Wayne County Historical Museum). At the same time, urbanization to the winter, the site is reducing snow runoff from the surrounding paved areas and naturally depositing it back into the groundwater system. A complete approach for sustainability.

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2 Natural Area: beautiful and educational wildflower meadow

3 Matured Urban Area: blossomed

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